

REMARKS

The Final Office Action (mailed March 14, 2005) and the Advisory Action of May 3, 2005 have been carefully considered. In response, the foregoing amendments are made to place this application in condition for allowance. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 28-40 remain pending. Claims 28-32 have been indicated as allowed, so no discussion of these claims is needed.

New claim 33 corresponds to previous claim 1, with additional features to more clearly define a novel features of the claimed embodiment. For example, claim 33 recites that cross sections of the first through hole, second through hole and third through hole are co-axially aligned with the cross section of the first retaining portion of the fixing pin, and the cross sections of the first retaining portion, first through hole, second through hole, and third through hole are substantially rectangular. Support for these features can be found in at least FIGs. 6, 7, 8, and 10 of the drawings. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by this new claim.

In addition, new claim 33 recites that the first retaining portion is formed on the lower portion of the fixing pin and located under the second element, cross sections of the first through hole, second through hole and third through hole are co-axially aligned with the cross section of the first retaining portion of the fixing pin, the first retaining portion pushes against the second element when the fixing pin rotates at an angle, and the cross sections of the first retaining portion, first through hole, second through hole, and third through hole are substantially rectangular. This feature is not found in Schwarzbich or the other cited art of record.

As Schwarzbich does not teach all of the limitations recited in claim 33 of the present application, this claim is allowable over Schwarzbich. Insofar as claims 34-40 depend from claim 33, these claims are also allowable.

Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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